

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REMOTELY UPGRADING
A HEARING AID DEVICE**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Improved approaches are disclosed to update existing hearing devices by downloading software resources over a network from a remote server to a local client. The software resources are then stored in the existing hearing devices, thereby upgrading the functionality or operation of the existing hearing devices. Accordingly, existing hearing devices are able to be upgraded at convenient locations in a largely automated fashion. The invention is particularly useful for hearing aids or other sound systems for the hearing impaired.